Losses Suffered by AI

1989. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 462 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th Feb. 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government are planning to investigate the reasons of losses of Air India; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government regularly reviews the performance of Air India.

Abandoned Aerodromes in A.P.

1990. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of locations of abandoned Aerodromes in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government proposed to develop and utilise those Aerodromes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No airport belonging to the Airport Authority of India (AAI) is abandoned in Andhra Pradesh. However, the airports at Donakonda, Cuddappah and Warrangal are non-operational for over a decade due to want of traffic.

(b) to (d) AAI has proposed to State Government to take over these airports for development and to operationalise them for aviation related activities.

Recruitment of Casual / Contract Labour in IA

1991. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that inspite of directions of the High Court of Delhi in its judgement dated 9.5.97 and 21.8.98 to give preference to the casual workers already employed by the Indian Airlines since 1996 and whose service were later terminated, the preference is not being given to the said employees while recruiting employees against clear vacancies at regular workforce;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Indian Airlines has been employing casual/daily wages/ contract labours against the clear vacancies of regular work- force; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Engagement of casual workers has been done in accordance with the directions given by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in its judgement dated 9.5.1997 and 21.8.1998.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Casual/Daily wages workers are engaged only to meet temporary additional workload and shortage of staff caused due to absenteeism.

R.C. Jain Committee Report on Escalator Accident at IGI Airport, Delhi

†1992. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report from the R.C. Jain Committee which probed the death of an eight year old girl in the escalator tragedy at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi;

(b) if so, the salient feature of the report; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the officials of the AAI for derelication of their duty which resulted in the death of the girl?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) R.C. Jain Committee submitted its interim report on 7.2.2000. The final report will be submitted by 31st March, 2000. As per the interim report the findings of the Inquiry Committee are as under:—

(1) The quality of the maintenance work by OTIS was not upto the mark. Supervision and monitoring of this work by the staff of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) was also inadequate. As a result the complate and the foot

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.